

Applicants believe the listing of distinct species to be incomplete and/or vague for at least the reason that the following figures were not listed in the species restriction: Figs. 1H-1I, 2A-2D, 3D, 6B-6D, 7B-7C, 8C-8E, 14, and 19A-19B.

Claims 1-24 are pending in the present application. Applicants believe that pending claims 1-23 are readable on Species II. Thus, claim 24 has been canceled.

If necessary, Applicants respectfully request a personal or telephonic interview to discuss any remaining issues concerning the restriction and election requirement.

Finally, Applicants note that the "Office Action Summary" indicates that the Office Action is "[r]esponsive to communication(s) filed on 29 May 2002." Applicants believe that this statement was made in error, as Applicants believe that no communication was filed on such date with respect to the present application.

A fee for an extension of time is believed to be due for this submission and a petition for extension of time is submitted concurrently herewith. Should any additional fees be required, please charge such fees to Pennie & Edmonds Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

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